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TD to M&L: NSF

By Ritch Smith

The TD Canada Trust bank in Marmora will close on June 19, 2015. The TD Bank action was announced to the Marmora & Lake Council and to depositors in November 2014. The bank accounts and safety deposit boxes will be relocated to the Havelock TD office. The ATM machine will remain in Marmora. The staff will be reassigned to TD branches in Havelock or Madoc. Reeve Terry Clemens has said the closure will be a devastating blow to the community.

The first bank in Marmora opened in 1893. It was owned by A W Carscallen and was at 53 Forsyth Street. In 1908, Sovereign Bank became Dominion Bank. In 1951 the bank moved to the present location and the building was remodeled and the vault was added. Dominion Bank merged with the Bank of Toronto to become Toronto-Dominion Bank in 1954. It merged with Canada Trust in 2001 to become TD Canada Trust. The M&L Council recognized TD Bank with a Certificate of Appreciation for 100 years in Marmora in 2008.

The bank has been robbed a number of times. In 1955, two robbers got over \$5,000. In 1976, four people were charged with conspiracy to rob the bank. It was robbed twice in 1993, once in 1994, and in 2004.

Representatives from M&L Council have met with TD Canada Trust officials on several occasions to stop the relocation, but they have not been successful. Petitions with 1,500 signatures have been collected asking TD to reconsider. The Council has stated it will close its accounts with TD Canada Trust should the Marmora branch be closed.

An effort is underway to find a bank or credit union to come to Marmora and there is an on-going drive to have depositors sign Financial Institution Transfer Intention Declarations to be used to support efforts to attract a new financial institution to Marmora. About 200 declarations have been signed to date.

The Marmora branch manager is Annette Baker and she is available to assist anyone with the transition to the Havelock office. Her telephone number is 613-472-2241.

A Customer Information Session will be held and details are available at the bank.

The CLWA Executive Board has discussed actions to be taken. Comments from members are encouraged as to how CLWA should respond to the closing. If TD Canada Trust closes its office in Marmora, should the CLWA accounts in TD Canada Trust be moved to another bank?

(Sources: Langley Archives in the Marmora Public Library, Marmora Historical Society website www.MarmoraHistory.ca, press releases from Marmora & Lake, local newspaper articles)

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2014 Photo Contest Winners

The winning photos from the 2014 Photo Contest are shown on pages 6 and 7.

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Words from the President

On behalf of the Executive Board, Happy 2015!
And, Happy 75th Anniversary to CLWA!

I don't know about you, but I'm ready for summer. Maybe it's because we've started talking about the CLWA plans for celebrations for Canada Day. Maybe it's because it's cold. Maybe it's because I just like summer in Marmora and all the CLWA activities.

Bill Neil and Elinor White are working on the Fireworks and Boat Parade. We have some ideas and we're looking for ideas from you. This year, you'll see a bigger World Famous Lighted Boat Parade with more boats, more music, and lots of Maple Leaf flags. We will be in the Canada Parade with a float and lots of Maple Leaf flags. It's the 50th Anniversary of the Canada Flag and we will include it in all we do. And the Fireworks will be awesome, as always. I'm not sure how we get bigger and better than last year, but Bill will find a way to do it.

We completed the 2014 Photo Contest with more entries from more people. The winners are featured in this Newsletter and on our website. We tried to add a fourth category but had to drop it because we didn't receive enough entries to make it a viable category.

In other CLWA activities, we're supporting Chris' Live Bait Pike "Catch 'n Keep" Fish Derby, on Crowe Lake in February. We're getting ready for our Spring Membership Renewal drive.

We ended 2014 with over 200 members and hope everyone renews and recruits new members. We'll put out marker buoys again and we'll continue our Lake Water Quality Monitoring activities. We'll continue to watch the plans for development on Cook Road and react as necessary.

This is the 75th Anniversary of the organization that evolved into the Crowe Lake Waterway Association. We have some ideas about ways to mark the occasion and celebrate the event. Perhaps, we will do something in conjunction with the AGM. What would you like to see us do? Send us your ideas.

You may have heard by now that the TD Canada bank in Marmora will close in June. There is an article with news about that and some history of the bank in Marmora. Banking has changed with technology and, maybe, this is not an unusual thing to see happen. But it will have a significant impact on Marmora. Aside from the inconvenience of having the bank in Havelock instead of just around the corner, especially for senior citizens, the prospect of a big empty building on Forsyth Street is not good for Marmora. How should CLWA react? Should we move our account to Havelock? Should we find a new bank?

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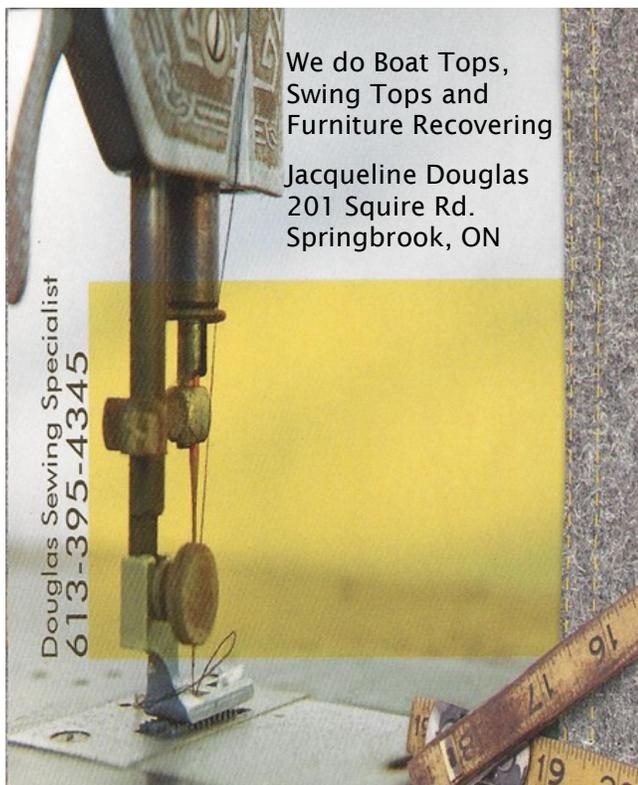
Marmora Historical Foundation Opens Website

The Marmora Historical Foundation now has a website. The site was designed by Jen Bennett and is packed with articles, pictures, and historical information. Cathie Jones and Anne Philpot have scanned thousands of photos and documents for the historical records and for the website. The site includes a feature to let you tour the site. It has war stories, lots of information about the mining heritage of Marmora and the region, a feature that lets you add your own pictures or stories, a shopping site, a guest book, an opportunity to donate to the Historical Foundation, and much more.

The web address is
www.MarmoraHistory.ca.

They are located at 36 Forsyth Street in Marmora.

Crowe Lake Waterway is again this year applying to the federal government for funding for our boat parade and fireworks and for our participation in the municipality Canada Day parade. We expect that our grant request may be denied like last year however we had to try again.



Signs, Signs, Everywhere are Signs

You'll see new CLWA signs at the boat launches this year. The old CLWA signs at Booster Park and Megs Landing have been replaced with new CLWA signs showing our logo and our web address.

Sandy and Vesa Koivusalo took on this project last summer and the signs went up in October.



You will also see new speed signs on Crowe River. Sandy and Vesa also took on this project last summer.

They also worked with the municipality and the residents along Crowe River to get 4 new speed signs put up in September.

Friends of the Library Elect Officers, Seek Volunteers

At the annual meeting in the Fall, Wendy Bateman was elected President. She takes over from Pierre Chabot who will become the Past President. Also elected were Jean Shannon, Vice-President, Barri Struth, Treasurer, and Shirley Cairns, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Friends of the Library support the Marmora Library through fund raising books sales for technology enhancements for the library, sponsorship of the Pamela Langley Award for local students, and support for the August performance in Memorial Park by the travelling Shakespeare troupe.

To get involved, call Wendy at 613-472-3122, e-mail her at info@marmoralibrary.ca or visit the library.

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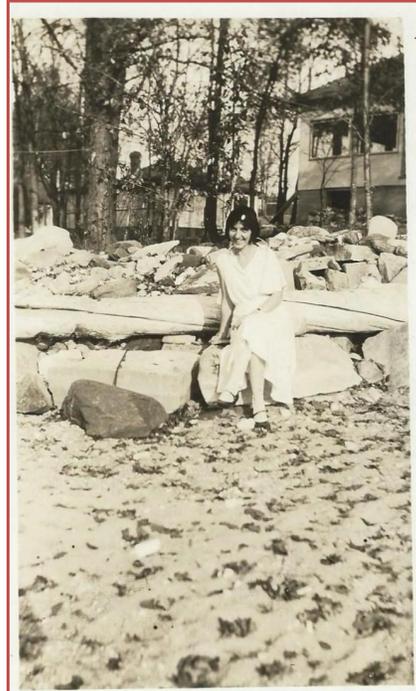
Bedford Cottage

from Gord and Elaine Callan

Records indicate that this cottage and its mirror image next door were constructed around 1918 by Bruce Airhart. Originally, the property was part of Bonter's farm. It is situated on Lakeshore Road - which was originally going to be called Low Shore Road, because of its proximity to High Shore Road but, in the end, Lakeshore Road was settled on.

Mr. Airhart was a very family oriented man and in 1925 he signed the deed for the cottage over to his sister-in-law, Myrtle Loveless, who was a young war widow with a small child. Myrtle and her husband Gordon Jarvis both cared for and developed the property during the period from 1935 until their death in 1959. The property then passed to her daughter Marion Mumby.

It became a retirement home in 1973 for Elaine's parents. During this conversion the cottage was expanded to include a 2nd floor with 3 bedrooms, library and study. Their friends re-named it BEDFORD COTTAGE - a name which it continues to proudly display.



Great-great aunt Violet Deacon, on the beach in about 1910, when the dam was being reconstructed



2015: Current View of Bedford Cottage

Gord and Elaine retired to the lake in Sept 2004. Many of their friends at first could not understand the desire to live on the Crowe all year long. While they have travelled extensively over the years, most of their trips have been in the summer and now they find the lake just as beautiful in the winter as it is in the summer.

They have found all their needs well covered in this local community and hope that the story of Bedford cottage may go on from generation to generation, as it has for nearly 100 years!



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We thought you might be interested to go behind the scenes and learn about the web site. It has been in existence for just over 3 years now, and for a small association, it has been quite successful.

The web site recorded its first 'hit' on Tuesday, December 6th 2011. Up to December 31st 2014, the site had received 3,367 hits of which 2,521 were unique hits and 846 were returning visitors¹.

A lot of visitors seem to be just curious folks, perhaps wondering what 'CLWA' is; 30.5% of the total was hits that left our home page within seconds of arriving there. They're classified as "bounces", which basically means they did not do anything

when they arrived at our site; they backed out immediately. The folks that stayed around viewed an average of 2.8 pages in the site.

What is the most popular page? Well... 83% of our visitors started at our Home page, and 64% of those went straight to the Newsletters page. As already mentioned above, nearly 31% just backed right out. The remaining 5% split fairly evenly and went to the "About Us" or "Fireworks" or Membership" or "Contact CLWA" pages.

Since we started offering advertising to local businesses, there's been a growing trend of visitors heading to the "Support Local Business" page. We're hoping that this page continues to see increased hit activity, which in turn translates into more sales and revenues for all our local businesses.

They're the backbone of our – or any – community, and whether we're residents or seasonal cottagers, the dollars we spend in the stores and with local service providers, help keep the local economy alive.

You might wonder where all these site visitors found our site. Interesting, 37% came via Google, 34% type in www.clwa.ca and came direct, 3½% came via Bancroft District's site, 2½% came via FOCA and the rest came

from a variety of other sites.

Like every function in CLWA, our web site was created and is maintained by volunteers, none of whom are true web experts. We want to make sure that the site is both useful and informative for you, the



Members, but at the same time, is engaging to people who are not (yet) members or 'locals'.

SO...we really, really want your input – positive, of course (!) – to help us make it better in every way.

Your thoughts, ideas and feedback are vital to making the site better and better. Just put your thoughts down in an e-mail and send it to info@clwa.ca and we'll get right on it!

Thanks for your ongoing use of the site; keep coming.

(¹Source: Google Analytics, 2014)

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2014 Photo Contest Winners

Beauty

*First
Thanksgiving at the Lake
David Mizzau*



*Second
Misty
Heather Lemieux*

*Third
Lighthouse in the Mist
Kendra Savard*



Boat Parade and Fireworks – we did not receive enough entries for this to be a viable contest category, despite the extension of the deadline for another month. The Executive Board will discuss this in planning for the 2015 Contest and would appreciate your comments, or suggestions for other categories, to make the contest fun for the most people.

The first place winners are featured in this edition of the newsletter and will be used on our 2015 Membership Form. Winners for 2014 and prior years can be seen on the CLWA website www.clwa.ca.

Thank You to Pierre Chabot for coordinating the Photo Contest, to Dave Savournin and Ritch Smith, and to our judges for their hard work in this difficult task.

2014 Photo Contest Winners

Recreation



*First
Crowe River Kayak and surfer
Sandra Johnson*



*Second
Marmora Retrievers
Mike McCabe*



*Third
Evening Paddle
Marianick Tremblay*

Wildlife



*First
Majestic Loon
Heather Lemieux*



*Second
Perfect Landing
Lynn Gapes*



*Third
Sunset Stroll
Tim Black*



Did you know that....

...Fish don't sleep - it's difficult to get shut-eye when you have no eyelids – but they do go into a state of suspended animation where their system slows down and they seem to rest. Some fish shut off one side of their brain, rest, wake up, then shut off the other side of the brain. While resting, the eye on the resting side is blind.

... One of the oldest published butter tart recipes can be found in the Royal Victoria Hospital Woman's Auxiliary Cookbook, published in Barrie, Ontario, in 1900. The tart filling was water, currants, sugar, butter and eggs.

...The Royal Winnipeg Mint produces coins for 60 different countries, including Centavos for Cuba, kroner for Norway, and pesos for Colombia. Currently the mint can produce over 20 million coins a day, but no Canadian pennies. After February 4, 2013 the Royal Canadian Mint no longer mints or distributes Canadian pennies.

...Hummingbirds have a sweet tooth and know the difference between a sugary nectar and plain water. A team of Harvard University biologists studied the sweetness question for three years and concluded that Hummingbirds have developed a genetic receptor for sweetness that other birds lack. They like natural sugars, they don't like synthetic sugars, and they really don't like water.

Canada Day Celebration

from Bill Neill

Please mark June 27, 2015 on your calendar as the date to celebrate Canada Day on the lake with Fireworks and the World Famous Boat Parade.

Once again, Randy Vilneff and crew have agreed to be our pyro experts in charge of detonation.

As we kick into high gear with the planning of this great event, we are asking our members for their ideas and suggestions which will help make this the best ever celebration.

Some ideas already suggested include music on various boats such as a steel drum band, bag pipes, drums or horns, even a keyboard with a sound system. These are great ideas limited only by your imagination and involvement Do you have any musicians in your group?

Another idea is to split the parade and simultaneously travel both sides of the lake, meeting with a "pass-by" and eventually joining to enjoy the Fireworks display.

These are a couple of ideas and we need your input and ideas to keep this event alive, fresh and growing.

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Invading Species

from Norma Crofts

Invading species are recognized as a serious problem, both globally and locally. Native species can become rare, threatened or endangered. In the Great Lakes Basin alone, nearly 200 species from Europe, Africa and the United States, including zebra mussels and purple loosestrife. For example, zebra mussels have changed the water clarity in the Crowe, making it clearer, so the fish, such as bass that thrive in cloudy areas have had their habitat altered. Purple Loosestrife soaks up the moisture in wetlands making that environment unsuitable for wildlife that require a wetter environment. Once established, it can be costly to eradicate an introduced invading species so the best option is to prevent the introduction in the first place.

CLWA Member, Lynn Gapes and I attended a presentation of the Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System (EDD) in Peterborough at the Canoe Museum. The session was put on by an excited group of people from The Federation of Cottager Associations (FOCA), and the invasive plant council of the Ontario Federation Of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH). The excitement is over the programme of early detection and rapid response, monitoring occurrences of invading species by people like you the information on line for the species identification who are on the water and shorelines of the Crowe. It's a proactive approach to control by accessing public records at EDD. The goal is to better understand the invading species distribution and to confirm and extend the existing data base. Basically it is up to us as volunteers, as well as a few paid volunteers, to watch out for these invaders!

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CROW LAKE ASSOCIATION FORMED

An enthusiastic meeting of the property owners on Crow Lake was held at Marble Point Lodge on Sunday, August 18 at 3 P.M. On the Saturday previous the notice had been circulated around the lake outlining the various aims and purposes of the organization. These were heartily endorsed and the following were elected to act for those present:

President – Mr. C. H. Buskard
Secretary – Mr. W. C. Dymond
Committee – Mr. C. H. Buskard, W. C. Dymond, John Warren, L. Bonter and D. Marett.

The committee have been instructed to meet the Township Council at an early date to discuss the points raised in the circular and other matters of interest.

As those present were all from the north half of the east shore the activities for the moment will be centered on this section. If the other section of the lake should show any interest in this organization, the privilege will be widened to take care of the whole lake.

Marmora Herald,
August 22, 1940

The Marmora Herald article from Cathie Jones' book, Crowe Lake, tells us how old the Crowe Lake Waterway Association is. Crowe Lake has an "e" now to distinguish it from the other Ontario lake by that name. The article states that there were points to discuss and other matters of interest. Although we have no notes from that early meeting, I think issues then would be similar to those Crowe Lake property owners are still enthusiastic about in 2015, protecting our natural environment.

Consider the date of 1940. Canada was at war then, although many thought that it would be over by Christmas, not dragging on until 1945. Many young men were fighting overseas. The Great Depression had come to an end. Much of the development on Crowe Lake did not exist then. We are thankful for those caring folks and for the idea of discussing the issues and therefore keeping our lake great.

Seventy-five is something to celebrate! Include the 50th anniversary of our Canadian flag. On a personal level, make plans to mark the years of enjoyment you and your family and friends have had on the Crowe! Some things change and yet other things stay the same!

Invading Species

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The initial step is to visit the site www.eddmaps.org.

- #1 Register on the programme, telling EDD who you are.
- #2 Research the information on line for species identification.
- #3 Send a photo to verify your species, depicting the flower, stem and leaves of your plant.
- #4 Contact the Invading Species Hit Squad at 1 800- 563=7711 to speak to a person.
- #5 You can put your plant in a baggie and keep it in the frig or freezer for further identification.

Field Guide: Aquatic Invasive Species in hard copy is available.

Here are three hot invading species in areas close to the Crowe. Look them up for a description and their confirmation on the distribution map.

a) Water Soldier...now confirmed in the Trent River and Lake Seymore area

b) Hydrilla... now confirmed in the Niagara area

c) European Water Chestnut... now confirmed in the Ottawa area

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Typically, the invasive species create large floating mats which take over an area so that recreational activities, such as boating and swimming are impossible. Often the leaves are sharp and contact causes discomfort and cuts. The area becomes a mono culture where other plants and habitats are shut out. Usually they provide breeding grounds for mosquitoes.



It is important not to dump aquarium plants into the Crowe.

Check your boats and motors for hitchhiking species from infected areas.

Clean your boats

Become more knowledgeable about this issue.

Results of Municipal Elections - Oct. 27

In Marmora and Lake

Reeve: Terry Clemens*

Deputy Reeve: Linda Bracken

Council: Sandy Fraser*, Elaine Jones*, Mike Stevens

School Board – ALCD: Brian Kerby

School Board – HPED: Bonnie Danes*

School Board – FLS: Diane Burns

School Board – FLP: Rachel Laforest, Claudia Major

In Havelock - Belmont - Methuen

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Deputy Mayor: Jim Martin

Council – Village: Barry Pomeroy

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HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY CANADIAN FLAG!

from Elinor White

February 15th is the proud 50th anniversary of our red and white Canadian flag. While many had put forth a notion of a new design for a unique Canadian flag, it was during the 1956 Suez Canal crisis that the need became apparent. The Egyptian government objected to Canadian peacekeepers displaying the Red Ensign, Canada's national flag at the time, as it contained the Union Jack a flag used by the United Kingdom who was one of the Suez Canal aggressors. Lester B. Pearson won a Nobel Prize for his peacekeeping work in this situation.

When Pearson became Prime Minister, he authorized work on a new design. The flag was to contain neither the Union Jack nor the Fleur-de-lis so as not to offend any Canadian or give cause for separation. The maple leaf has been a Canadian emblem since the 1700's. The Canadian Olympic athletes have worn a single red maple leaf on a white background since 1904. The new design was created in part by George Stanley who was inspired by the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC). The winning flag design is horizontally symmetric and appears identical on both sides.

On December 15th, 1964, the red and white maple leaf design passed by a majority of 163 to 78 in the House of Commons. The Senate approved the flag design two days later. The new flag was proclaimed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to take effect on February 15, 1965.



We are asking all our members to fly the Canadian flag proudly all year long. Please use the flag as part of our Canada Day celebrations both in the boat parade and the land parade. Small paper hand flags will be available to members, guests and neighbours during our renewal process. Please watch for details in our next newsletter.

Coming Events

2015

Jan 1	Happy New Year
Feb 14	Ice Fishing Derby Pike Only, CLWA website for details
Feb 15	Flag Day in Canada, Celebrate 50 th Anniversary of the Maple Leaf Flag
Feb 21	Snowmobile Drags on the Crowe
Early May	Free Tree giveaway
June 27	World Famous Lighted Boat Parade and Fireworks on the Lake
July 1	Canada Day
July 18	CLWA AGM

Trent and Crowe Valley Watersheds

A large, interested group attended this presentation, co-hosted by the Marmora and Lake, Environmental Advisory Committee and the Hastings Stewardship Council, held in the Marmora Town Hall on Nov.4, 2014.

The Crowe Watershed joins the Trent Valley Watershed at Lake Seymour, north of Campbellford.

Sharlene Richardson and Vicki Woolfrey of Crowe Valley Conservation Authority discussed the watershed's health in regard to humans, economics, invading species and healthy plant and tree growth. The Crowe Valley report card, done every five years indicates no existing water quality concerns in its area of 2,000 square kilometres. That's good news. The Crowe travels through ten townships and is controlled through 15 water control structures

Ewa Bednarczyk, Ecology and Stewardship Specialist of the Lower Trent Conservation Authority, spoke of 13,000 square kilometres of the Trent system. She used interesting stories to describe the "weird and wonderful" characters and characteristics of the region, such as the portages of Champlain, the map turtle, the Bleasdel Boulder, the Ranney Gorge and the North American eel. Those in attendance took away with them some more information about this interesting part of our world. Thanks!

The Hastings Stewardship Council has a winter series of lectures scheduled to be held in Invanoe, at the Huntington Veteran's Memorial Hall, 11379 Highway 62. Check out www.hastingsstewardship.ca for topics and dates.

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